



MINISTERUL AGRICULTURII ȘI DEZVOLTĂRII RURALE

*Direcția Generală Afaceri Europene și Relații Internaționale***REPORT****“16 OCTOBER WORLD FOOD DAY 2008”****“FAO 63rd anniversary” and****„Open Doors at Romanian Ministry of Agriculture”****Dear Mrs. Maria KADLECIKOVA,****Dear Mrs. Fernanda GUERRIERI,**

Following to your address and the official letter from FAO DG Mr. Jacques DIOUF to Romanian Minister of Agriculture, we are pleased to inform you that for the celebration of the World Food Day 2008 (WFD) and FAO 63rd anniversary in Romania under the direct coordination of Mr. Bogdan BAZGĂ - FAO National Correspondent in Romania, the following actions have been taken:

First action:

- The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MADR) had organised a special drawing contest and an exhibition of the children’s arts from all Romanian territory in respect to the WFD’ 2008 theme, at the MARD headquarters, with special cooperation of the National Child Palace. At this national contest the first 30¹ were awarded by the Ministry of Agriculture

¹ *The first 30 scanned drawings are attached at this Rapport.*

and the Bucharest Municipality organized 3 special days - holiday camp in Sinaia, Romania.

➤ All the other drawings were exposed at the National Children Palace. The participants of this contest were children, between 5-11 years, from child care houses, National Children Palace and Romanian schools. The awards were given by Mr. Dacian Ciolos, the Minister of Agriculture and the Mr. Bogdan BAZGA, FAO National Correspondent for Romania at the „Art Cub” children club (supported by Bucharest Municipality) during a children thematic show -"A Chance for All Children" with music, poetry and Romanian traditional dances.

Second action:

- A donation of food products was granted by the MARD for children and adults from social care houses in Bucharest and in other regions of the country. There were also donated trees which were planted by the children giving the message all over the world "child to child for pure and clean nature"

On Thursday as well, the romanian Ministry of agriculture, National Correspondent and Municipality officials were also to the Placement Center for Children -"Me and My Friends"- that is located in district 4 of Bucharest, where food products was distributed to institutionalized children. On the same occasion, a group of cildren planted trees in the foster home garden.

(supported by District 4 Municipality)

Third action:

- The MARD organised an exhibition of agricultural traditional and organic products within “The open doors of MARD ” .
 - MR. Dacian CIOLOS- Minister, Mr. Gheorghe Albu - Secretary of State, Mr. Sorin CHELMU Secretary General of the Romanian Ministry of Agriculture and Mr. Bogdan BAZGĂ the National Correspondent for Romania opened the event in the presence of visitors and mass-media. In the context of World Food Day 2008 and FAO 63rd anniversary, the speeches pointed out major themes of interest such as climate changes and global warming, biodiversity, the great importance of agriculture for food supply and health consumers.

Partners involved in organizing the events dedicated to World Food Day are the Ministry of Research, Education and Youth, the General City Hall of Bucharest with all the six district town halls, the National Palace of Children, the National Vine and Wine Ownership Association, Romanian Meat Association.

All this event was promoted in mass-media, national journals, television and "Itsy Bitsy" FM, radio station for children².

Sincerely yours,

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² **The radio spot and link are attached to this Raport.**